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8 October 1968
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Subject: Quotation for High Speed Tape Reader/Punch with Interface Chassis
Gentlemen:
is pleased to submit their offer to provide one High Speed Tape Reader/Punch with a special interface chassis at a price of
This price includes delivery and installation, and is firm for a period of ninety (90) days.
The Stereocomparator as presently designed includes an ASR 35 Teletype unit with paper tape punch and reader. This combination processes information at the rate of ten (10) characters per second, which while adequate for system information, would not be satisfactory for program read in or dump, or for major program update schedules.
For example, the time required to load the FORTRAN systems and the Input/Output library object tapes would be in the range of 32 to 45 minutes. In addition, the time spent in read in and dump during testing of a new or updated program results in hours, or even weeks, of additional programmer personnel time
The provision of a suitable high speed Reader/Punch is thus virtually essential when programmer efficiency is considered.
A further advantage to this proposal is that the added equipment makes the DDP 516 computer available as a functioning separate, general purpose computer with a 16K memory core.

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The device consists of two separate units with the necessary interconnecting and input/output cables.

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The tape unit consists of a photoelectric reader with an Teletype punch in a table top enclosure. The reading speed is 300 characters per second, and the punch speed is 110 characters per second. A standard 8-level code is read or punched in one inch wide lubricated paper or Mylar tape, with a minimum opacity of 40%.

The Interface unit consists of a solid state circuitry in a chassis arranged for mounting in the rear of a standard 19-inch rack.

The chassis circuitry includes the necessary power supplies to operate the logic components.

The logic assemblies include the following functions:

- 1. Isolation of the Reader/Punch from the computer output, input, address and control lines to maintain the critical impedance and loading characteristics of the computer system.
- 2. Perform address decoding to enable the computer to issue commands and recognize data from the Reader/Punch.
- 3. Supply synchronization and timing signals as necessary to make the high clock rate of the computer compatible with the Reader/Punch strobe rates.
- 4. Provide necessary line drivers and receivers with cable so that the Reader/Punch can be moved about in the work area as conveniently as possible.
- 5. Shift voltage levels to make the Reader/Punch logic compatible with the computer.

Connectors and cables are provided to interconnect the computer, the rack cabinets, the Reader/Punch and the interface chassis.

If additional information is required regarding the above quotation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Administration Manager

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